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The Honorable Joel Hefley Chairman Subcommittee on Readiness Committee on Armed Services United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-6035

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed is a notification of intent to initiate design for Department of the Army military construction project in compliance with 10 USC 2807.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Solomon P. Ortiz

Ranking Member

NOTIFICATION OF THE INTENT TO INITIATE DESIGN FOR PROPOSED MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (10 USC SECTION 2807)

Department of the Army proposes to authorize the obligation of funds for design of the following military construction project:

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Fort Leonard Wood Estimated Cost of Design: \$ 1,020,000 Countermine Training Complex Estimated Cost of Construction: \$ 17,000,000

PN 58522, FY 2007

Project will construct a Countermine Training Complex including an Administration & Training Building with Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF), a Countermine Village, a Tactical Equipment Shop, and a Kennel Building with dog runs. Project will provide a training complex for countermine, counter booby trap and mine detection dog operations. There are no existing facilities available to accommodate this mission. Approximately 1,600-2,000 students will be trained annually. If this complex is not provided, the countermine/counter booby trap personnel will continue to be housed in fragmented, temporary locations. Proper care and housing for the military working dogs will not be available. Training, mission readiness, and mission effectiveness will be hindered creating greater risk to U.S. military forces, U.S. Allies, and U.S. civilians.